Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Suppose the Board settles as per Clause (*b*) and if the Conciliation Officer decides that one-fourth be given to the debtor free he should take it. Is that the idea?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: Whenever a difficulty arises apply the test I have given. Conciliation will take effect only if all the parties agree to it. That is the master solvent.

Mr M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Are there not more points than the point of agreement?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I say this only as an illustration. If any difficulty arises the party need not agree to it.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I am glad to find that it is admitted by the Law Member that there is no difficulty to modify it. At least Government will come in with a suitable amendment since the provision, as it is, is misleading.

[At this stage it was 3-30 P. M. and the House proceeded to the discussion of the adjournment motion *re* the grievances of the landholders in Nanjinad arising out of the order of the Government denying full remission of land tax including water cess in respect of lands left fallow during the Kanni crop of 1111].

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: Sir, I wanted to move the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the grievances of the landholders in Nanjinad arising out of the recent order of the Government denying full remission of land tax including water cess in respect of lands left fallow during the Kanni crop of 1111.

Sir, my object in tabling the motion is to draw the attention of the Government to the grave injustice that has been done to the landholders of Nanjinad by the order of Government in refusing and denying remission of land tax including water cess for the lands that could not be cultivated on account of the failure and non-supply of water. My object is only to draw the attention of the Government to the serious injustice and request Government to *reconsider* the whole matter and revise the order already passed. If the Government can assure me that the matter may be reconsidered and that justice will be meted out to the landholders in this matter, I do not mean to move the motion. If the Dewan-President will be pleased to assure that the whole question will be reconsidered and justice meted out to the unfortunate landholders of Nanjinad who could not cultivate their lands on account of the extreme drought

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[Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai.]

during the whole years of 1110 and 1111, if the Dewan-President will assure me that Government will go through the whole question and reconsider the matter, I will not move the motion.

President: I do not wish that the honourable member who has given notice of the motion for adjournment should be in any false position or that the Government should be deemed to have given any definite promise or any hopes which may not fructify to the satisfaction of the honourable member. But this the Government will undertake to do, *viz.*, that they will go into the matter very carefully and endeavour to deal with the situation in the best of its light. They will consider the whole question *de novo* very carefully.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: In view of the Dewan-President's assurance that the whole question will be reconsidered carefully I do not press the motion.

President: Now we may proceed with the amendments to the Agriculturists Relief Bill.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I rise to a point of order. Under Rule 23 (1) on page 76 of the Travancore Sri Chitra State Council Manual, on a motion to adjourn for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, the only question that may be put shall be that the Council do now adjourn, provided that, if the debate is not concluded earlier, it shall automatically terminate at the end of two hours, and there after no question shall be put. Therefore, Sir, is it in order to proceed with any further discussion?

President: There is no motion at all before the House. The motion for adjournment was not moved. It was not also seconded. The motion was merely mentioned. Because 3.30 P. M. had been indicated as the time fixed for the adjournment of the motion he got up in his seat. He did not propose to move it.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: The motion need not necessarily be seconded, Sir.

President: No. But he himself said that he does not move it nor had he any desire to move. It was never moved and brought before the House in any particular form.

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Clause 15 (*contd.*)

President: The amendment before the House is No. 48 under Clause 15 to be moved by Mr. Narayana Aiyar.

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